



Among the highlights at the City’s MLK celebration was Lauren Newman, who received the F. Michael Taff award presented by Mayor Larry Giammo.

MLK Award Winners Will Continue Outreach Efforts

The spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Day was epitomized in Rockville on Jan. 21 as two residents were honored for their contributions toward helping other citizens.

At Rockville’s 30th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, the Mayor and Council and the City’s Human Rights Commission presented Lauren Newman with the F. Michael Taff Award, which recognizes efforts to include people with disabilities into the community. Rockville High School senior Shaka Webber-Kelley received the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award, which goes to a local student who promotes the message of Dr. King in the community. Both winners plan to continue their community outreach efforts long into the future.

Newman works for Montgomery County’s Health and Human Services Division as the Program Manager for the Community Support Network. In her work, she helps ensure disabled residents have equal access to transportation and other services and has developed a respite care consortium to serve individuals with disabilities.

“She has empowered people with disabilities to live the life of their choice,” said Betsy Luecking, Program Manager for the Montgomery County Commission on People with Disabilities.

Webber-Kelley, winner of the MLK award, intends to continue his outreach efforts as well.

When he noticed the rate of black students struggling with behavioral issues was increasing, he decided to take action. In November 2000, Webber-Kelley founded a group called Black Leaders in Action to advance the progress of other black students in school and the community.

“I believe in doing the right thing even when no one is watching,” he said.

Turns out, people are watching.

“The impact the group has had can be seen in the academic and personal growth of its members,” said Dolores Reyna, a Guidance Counselor at Rockville High School. “Many student members have gained confidence, become more dependable and achieved higher self-esteem.”

Mandatory Recycling Begins on March 1



Rockville residents in recent years have shown very good intent to protect the environment and lengthen the life of landfills by voluntarily recycling a variety of materials. The City now is ready to take the next step in this effort as recycling will become mandatory on March 1.

Mandatory recycling is one service change residents will find in the City’s updated comprehensive Refuse and Recycling Guide that is currently being hand-delivered to all City homes. The guide also will be available at City Hall and on the City’s Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us.

Recycling will be mandatory for all single-family homes and townhouses.

Another significant change starting March 1 is that refuse and recycling will no longer be collected on the following holidays: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Residents affected by those collection days must hold their items until their next regularly scheduled collection day.

The updated guide includes a summary of collection services translated into Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese.

“Since we added mixed paper to the items that can be recycled, residents have found it much easier to participate in the recycling program,” said Rockville’s Director of Public Works Hal Cranor. “Now, 35 percent of the materials

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Cranor said that Rockville’s goal of reaching 50 percent recycling will help extend the life of area landfills.

“Not only is it the County goal to reach 50 percent recycling it is also the goal of just about every state,” he said. “If we have products that can be recycled, we should recycle them.”

The guide will help all residents determine what materials can be recycled. It also clearly states what items will or will not be accepted as part of regular refuse collection.

Holiday collections are being discontinued for several reasons.

The main reason for discontinuing the collections is that the County transfer station is closed on those holidays. Therefore, the refuse collected must remain in the City sanitation trucks overnight. Currently three additional trucks are needed for storing refuse on holidays. Another factor in the decision was that many residents do not put their trash out on holidays.

“Collecting on holidays turned out not to be the best use of our resources,” said Cranor.

For further information on Rockville’s refuse and recycling programs, call 301-309-3094.

City Budget Process Begins

The budget process for FY 2003 is underway in Rockville. The Mayor and Council have been working with City staff to formulate a fiscal plan for the budget year that begins on July 1, but the time is near for Rockville citizens to get involved.

On April 8, the City staff will present a proposed budget draft to the Mayor and Council. Citizens will have several weeks to study the proposed budget before getting the opportunity to make comments to the Mayor and Council at public hearings on April 29 and May 6.

Councilmembers Robert E. Dorsey and Anne M. Robbins, the only incumbents to return to the Council in the recent November election, said the input of citizens is very important in helping the Mayor and Council make critical decisions.

“Citizens should realize that their thoughts do matter and we treat this as their budget,” said Dorsey. “I want to know what people think all of the time, and working on the budget is the classic example. I want people with an interest or passion to say, ‘I see my thoughts are actually in the budget.’”

Robbins said citizens must be aware that their input carries considerable weight.

“This is a citizen-driven process,” Robbins said. “You often learn a lot. You see other perspectives. Sometimes you think people believe one thing, and after you listen to them, it turns out they believe something else.”

To the left is a list of key dates in the FY 2003 budget process.

Key Budget Dates	
Feb. 11 Preliminary worksession
Feb. 19 Preliminary worksession
April 8 Staff budget presentation
April 29 Public hearing
May 6 Public hearing
May 13 Worksession
May 20 Worksession
May 28 Worksession (optional)
June 10 Budget Adoption

Calendar of Events

City Events

1,2 Rockville Little Theatre: “Seven Keys to Baldpate.” Mystery melodrama by George M. Cohan. 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Tickets \$12.

3-March 12 “Playing with a Full Deck” Art Quilt Exhibit will be on display Feb. 3 - March 12. Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, 7-9 p.m. Free. Call 301-309-3354 for more information.

3 Concert by Manny Bobenrieth Ensemble. Tango and Jazz blend. 2 p.m. Glenview Mansion. Free.

8,9 National Chamber Orchestra. Guest Violinist Juliette Kang. 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Tickets \$21, \$16, \$11.

24 Rockville Concert Band. 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free.

Nature Center Reservations are required. See the City Website or the Recreation Guide for details. For more information, call 301-545-5691.

7 Otter-ly Fun. 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-9. \$3 residents. \$4 non-residents.

12 Teatime with Turtles. 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-6.

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18 Tracks. 2-3 p.m. Ages 7-12.

28 Teatime with Teddies. 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$4 residents. \$5 non-residents.

For Seniors

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Programs with an activity number require registration. For further information, call 301-309-3025.

4-13 Introduction to Genealogy using the Internet. Every Monday and Wednesday. 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$30 fee.

4-15 Word Processing. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. \$60 fee.

6 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

6 Fiber Landscapes. Free. Activity #2832.

6 February Birthday Party. 1:30-3 p.m. Free. Activity #2704.

7 Jewelry Knotting Class. 12:30-2:30 p.m. \$6 members. \$8 non-members. Activity #2695.

7 Veterans' Group Benefits Update. 10:30-12 noon. Free.

12 First Ladies First. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Activity #2872.

12 How Can I Remember? 1p.m.

12 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

13 Parents and Adult Children: Intergenerational Planning. 7:30-9:30 p.m.

18 Senior Center Open on President's Day. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. All drop-in rooms open. No scheduled programs.

18 President's Day Bingo. Early Bird Game, 1 p.m. Regular Game, 1:30 p.m. \$1,000 jackpot.

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Rockville's Mountain Range Climbing Gym Provides New Party Alternative

You no longer have to travel to Virginia or Western Maryland to climb mountains because right up the street in Civic Center Park is Rockville's own mountain range.

Tucked behind the Glenview Mansion is a hidden treasure that all experienced and novice mountain climbers should visit.

It is Rockville's very own indoor climbing gym—complete with 20-foot climbing walls and a staff of professional instructors. Every weekend, the gym that was once used for storage is filled with children and adults celebrating birthday parties, hosting scout meetings and participating in community programs.

"It's a very unique place to have a party, and compared to private commercial climbing gyms, the cost is very affordable," said Kate Savage, a Rockville resident who recently took a dozen 10-year-olds to the gym to celebrate her daughter's birthday. She also has taken a group of mentally- and physically-challenged students from the Rock Terrace School to the gym as part of a community outreach program.

Rockville is one of the only cities on the East Coast to operate a climbing gym. The climbing gym opened in the mid-1980's and was the first of its kind in the Washington metropolitan area.

The gym can accommodate climbers of every skill level. Each climbing wall features moveable foot holds that climbers can place in various spots along the wall to customize their climbing route. Fifteen climbing schemes also are offered. The straight wall is the most challenging to climb, while a slanted wall is somewhat easier.

"I have seen everyone from an 11-year-old child to a 35-year-old experienced climber reach the top," said Susan Klise of Rockville's Recreation and Parks Department. "It's great exercise and a very unique



Rockville children scale 20-foot walls at a recent birthday party at the climbing gym.

way to spend time with family and friends."

Currently, the gym is open only for private events on Friday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Each event can accommodate up to 14 children or adults. Experienced instructors are always present at the parties to offer lessons and ensure that all participants are climbing safely.

Beginning Feb. 5, the gym will be open on Tuesdays evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m., for experienced climbers over 18. Passes for Tuesday night climbs may be purchased in advance at the Recreation Desk at Rockville City Hall. All climbers must pass a competency test to participate in Tuesday evening classes. Spring classes, including parent/child climbing nights, also are being planned.

See the Spring Recreation Guide for more details. Experienced climbers who wish to apply as instructors are encouraged to call 301-309-3182. Visit the Rockville Website for more information on the gym. ❖

Cleaning Out the Garage Could Sweep in Big Rewards

2nd Annual "Earn a Bike" Program Begins in February

Not sure what to do with an old mountain or children's bicycle that is taking up space in the garage? Donate the bike to the Rockville's "Earn a Bike" program.

For one week in February, residents can drop off old bikes at Rockville's new Croydon Creek Nature Center, located on 852 Avery Road (behind the Glenview Mansion). Donated bikes will be accepted on Saturday, Feb. 23, and Sunday, Feb. 24, between 2 and 5 p.m. and on Monday, Feb. 25, through Friday, March 1, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A team of local boy scouts will fix up the bikes and donate them to eligible children just in time for spring.

The City will accept any mountain bike or children's bike that is in need of minor repairs, such as loose parts, worn seats and

broken tires or tubes. Bikes in need of major repairs can not be accepted.

"Don't get us wrong—we encourage you to get on that bike yourself and become an active member of Rockville's growing bike-friendly community," said Debbie Mayer, Rockville's Bikeway Coordinator. "But if you aren't going to do that, give it to us."

The City will deliver the bikes to eligible children who take part in Rockville's CHARACTER COUNTS!SM program, in which children perform various tasks to prove that they have good character. For instance, children will earn points toward a new bike by performing good deeds, such as helping an elderly neighbor with groceries or recycling. After earning 50 points, the child will receive a bike. Scorecards can be

Holiday Drive Major Success

Contributions Increase 18 Percent Over Last Year

What could have been a difficult holiday season for many needy Rockville families and children was instead filled with celebration, thanks to a number of local businesses and residents.

Generous contributions from more than 80 individuals and businesses helped raise more than \$16,000 for the 2001 Annual Rockville Holiday Drive.

The major donors to this year's drive were honored by Rockville's Mayor and Council at the Jan. 14 General Session. Among those recognized were the Venable Baetjer and Howard Foundation, which contributed \$4,000, and Realty Capital Partners, which donated \$3,600.

This year's drive led to distribution of 1,244 food baskets and gift certificates during the Thanksgiving and December holidays, an 18 percent increase over the previous year. More than 900 youngsters received a new toy from the drive.

The City worked closely with more than 70 community volunteers and with the Manna Food Center and the Rockville Junior Chamber of Commerce to prepare and distribute the baskets and toys. A large number of the Thanksgiving baskets were provided by Mount Calvary Baptist Church, IBM, Lockheed Martin and the North Farm Community Basket Brigade. Through the Family Sponsorship Program, another component of the Holiday Drive, 100 Rockville families were matched with sponsors who provided food baskets and gifts tailored to each family's specific needs.


Tax-deductible contributions to the Holiday Drive are accepted year-round. Checks payable to the Holiday Drive Fund should be mailed to Rockville's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, 32 Courthouse Square, Rockville, MD 20850. ❖



A local boy scout troop met in April 2001 to fix up and repair donated bikes. More than 100 bikes were given to needy children last year through the City's Earn a Bike Program.

picked up in the lobby of City Hall.

For more information on the Earn a Bike program call, 301-315-5796. ❖

**Sewer Problem?**

If there is a problem with your water or sewage, your first call should always be to the City of Rockville. The City, which has a 24-hour emergency number, will advise you whether it is a City issue or if you should contact a plumber. "The last thing we want is for our residents to incur unnecessary plumbing expenses," said James Green, Utilities Maintenance Supervisor for Rockville. The 24-hour emergency number is 301-309-3093.

Rockville Book Hits the Shelves

Apparently, people want to know about Rockville’s history. First-month sales of “Rockville: Portrait of a City,” exceeded expectations. The first comprehensive book about Rockville’s past was published as part of the City’s Millennium Celebration and in regard to the 200th anniversary of the naming of “Rockville”. The official kickoff of the publication took place at the annual Peerless Rockville New Year’s Day brunch at Glenview Mansion. Author Eileen S. McGuckian (who was introduced above by Mayor Larry Giammo) talked about her research into prominent people in Rockville’s past and the city’s chronology. The book contains more than 200 photos and many maps. It can be ordered at the information counter at Rockville City Hall. Call 301-309-3340 for more information.



In Brief

Local Businesses Sought For Hometown Holidays

Rockville is intent on giving the 14th Annual Hometown Holidays celebration an even more local flavor. The City is seeking local businesses, restaurants, artisans, community groups and individual volunteers to participate in the Memorial Day weekend event to be held May 25 to 27. The three-day event traditionally draws about 80,000 people. Included in this year’s festivities for the first time will be a Juried Craft Show, where local artisans will have the opportunity to show and sell their crafts, artwork or jewelry. To receive an application and a copy of craft show rules, call 301-545-5636. There also are opportunities for community groups and volunteers to participate in Hometown Holidays. Local restaurants can be part of the food vendor area and other businesses and community groups can set up booths in the sponsorship area.

CALL 301-309-3337 FOR MORE INFO

Summer Camp Information

It may be chilly outside, but it is time to start planning for warmer days. The 2002 Summer Camp Guide will be mailed to Rockville residents on Friday, Jan. 25. Rockville residents can register by mail, fax or via the Internet beginning Thursday, Feb. 7, and at City Hall beginning Tuesday, Feb. 26. Families who have children that attend a school in Rockville, but live outside of the City limits, may register beginning Wednesday, Feb. 27. Registration for non-residents begins Friday, March 1. **Staff Needed:** Applications also are being accepted for summer camp and playground staff. A City of Rockville application is required. Call the Jobline at 301-309-3272 for more information.

CALL 301-309-3340 FOR MORE INFO

Neighborhood Planning

Rockville will be updating the neighborhood master plans for the East Rockville and Lincoln Park neighborhoods. The plans will provide the future vision for these neighborhoods in terms of land use, design, community facilities, historic preservation and public improvements. Citizen involvement is critical to the success of the plans, so look for community

meetings, beginning in February. Call to be added to the notification mailing list.

CALL 301-309-3244 FOR MORE INFO

Free Income Tax Preparation

The City of Rockville Department of Community Services, in conjunction with volunteers who have extensive backgrounds in tax preparation, will provide free income tax preparation assistance for low-to-moderate income residents who live in the City. The service is available by appointment on Tuesdays beginning Feb. 5 and continuing through April 9, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; and on Monday, April 15, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Electronic filing is available. All sessions will take place at Rockville’s Department of Community Services, located at 32 Courthouse Square.

CALL 301-309-3183 FOR MORE INFO

Glenview Mansion Hosts Unique Quilt Exhibit

“Playing with a Full Deck of Art Quilts,” the first contemporary Quilt exhibit to ever be displayed at the Smithsonian Museum, is coming to Rockville’s Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. The exhibit will include 54 art quilts, each uniquely designed to represent a different playing card, including the two jokers. The exhibit will run from Sunday, Feb. 3, to Tuesday, March 12. Beginning Feb. 3, the gallery will be open Mondays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (including President’s Day, Feb. 18). Sunday hours will be 1 to 4 p.m. It also will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. The gallery is located on the second floor of the Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park. Admission to the exhibit is free, but a \$5 donation will be appreciated.

CALL 301-309-3354 FOR MORE INFO

Home Improvement Program

Low and moderate income Rockville homeowners can apply for grants and loans to make necessary upgrades to their homes through Rockville’s Home Improvement Program. Upgrades can include improvements to electrical, plumbing and home heating systems. The program also provides assistance with home inspections, cost estimating and contract negotiating. Call to inquire about eligibility requirements and loan limits.

CALL 301-309-3211 FOR MORE INFO

“If I Were Mayor...”

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) and the Maryland Mayors Association are inviting fourth grade students to participate in a statewide essay contest titled “If I Were Mayor I Would . . .”. The theme of this year’s contest is “Building Inclusive Communities.” The contest is open to all Maryland fourth grade students. Essays must be received by the MML by March 1. One winning essay will be selected from 11 regional districts. Each winner will receive a \$250 savings bond. The local winner will get to be Rockville’s “Mayor for a Day” and have lunch with Mayor Larry Giammo. Visit www.mdmunicipal.org for more information on contest.

February Off-Leash Testing

The City’s Neighborhood Services Division of Animal Control will conduct its Off-Leash Testing on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m., in the Middle Lane parking lot.

CALL 301-309-3115 FOR MORE INFO

Residents and Snow Removal

The City’s snow ordinance requires residents and businesses remove snow from sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking spaces and similar paved areas for public use. Snow removal must occur within 24 hours after a snowfall of three inches or less and within 48 hours after a snowfall of more than three inches. Sidewalks must be cleared to provide a safe, unobstructed, passable path 36 inches wide. Ice must be removed or treated within 24 hours. People who need assistance should call 301-309-3050 or 301-309-3262.

CALL 301-309-3261 FOR MORE INFO

Para Ud.

El reciclaje es obligatorio a partir del 1 de marzo

El reciclaje será obligatorio para todas las casas particulares y las casas pegadas (townhouses) en lotes individuales. Otro cambio importante que comienza en el 1 de marzo es que la basura y el reciclaje no se recogerán en ciertos días feriados como en el Día del Año Nuevo, el Día Memorial (Memorial Day), el Día de la Independencia, el Día del Trabajador (Labor Day), el Día de Acción de Gracias (Thanksgiving Day), y en el Día de la Navidad. Para más información, 301-309-3094.



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19&21 Estate Planning. 10 a.m.

19&26 First Aid. 6:15-7:45 p.m. \$25 members. \$31 non-members. Activity #2837.

20 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

21 Colorectal Screening Guidelines. 1 p.m.

22 Cholesterol Fact and Fiction. 10:30 a.m.

25 Photo Travel Tips. 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Activity #2697.

For Teens

For more information about teen activities, see the *Winter Recreation Guide*. The *Civiteen Club* is for teens with learning disabilities. Trips and activities help promote the positive development of social and life skills. For more information call 301-309-3345.

1,8,15,22 Friday Night Ski Club.

Grades 6-12. Departs from Robert Frost Middle at 3:30 p.m. Returns at 10 p.m.

3 Civiteens Valentine Party.

12 noon-4 p.m. Elwood Smith Community Center. Members only.

8 Robert Frost Teen Club Dance.

Grades 7-8. 7:30-10 p.m. Robert Frost Middle School gym. \$2 for members. \$5 for nonmembers.

10 Civiteens Trip to Dave and Busters.

10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$21 to \$25. Members only.

17 Civiteens Trip to West End Dinner Theatre in Alexandria, Va.

11 a.m.-5 p.m. \$40. Members only.

22 Robert Frost Teen Club Dance.

Grade 6. Robert Frost Middle School gym. \$2 for members. \$5 for non-members.

23 Civiteens Trip to the Airport and Lunch.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$20. Members only.



February Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAMS
Mayor & Council Live
February 11, 7:30 p.m.
General Session
February 19 (Tues.), 7:30p.m.
Public Hearing
February 25, 7:30 p.m.
General Session

Meeting Replays
Monday, 7:30 p.m.
(if no live meeting)
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.

City Hall Report
Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m.,
12 noon, 6 p.m., 10 p.m.

Cityline
Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

Mayor & Council Review
Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
6:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

SPECIALS
Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
Wed.-Fri., 9 a.m.
Tues.-Sat., 1 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.

Exploring Rockville's Past
Mon., Tues., 9 a.m.
Wed.-Fri., 1 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 7 p.m., 11 p.m.

Responsive and Responsible: Rockville City Government
Mon., Tues., 7 a.m.,
10:30 a.m.
Wed.-Fri., 2:30 p.m.
Sun.-Tues., 7 p.m.

Caregivers: Homeless
Wed.-Fri., 7 a.m., 1:30 p.m.
Mon., Tues., 9:30 a.m.
Sun.-Tues., 11 p.m.

Caregivers: Mentors Programs
Sat., Sun., 7 a.m.
Mon., Tues., 10 a.m.
Wed.-Fri., 2 p.m.

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

The Mayor and Council met for General Sessions on Dec. 10 and Jan. 14. On Dec. 10, the Mayor and Council:

- Authorized a temporary construction and grading easement for parcels of the five-acre park site at King Farm.
- Approved an amendment to the City's pension plan to allow employees who return to service with the City (within one year of leaving) to continue their period of service for purposes of the pension plan. Approved changes in investment offerings under the defined contribution portion of the plan and an amendment to provide a cost of living adjustment for retirees.
- Approved naming Trumbo Park in East Rockville in memory of Mary Trumbo.
- Adopted ordinance to grant street closing and abandonment application to King Farm Associates, allowing for street closing and abandonment of 404 sq. ft. at the intersection of King Farm Blvd. with future reserve at Champion Dr. and Crestfield St.
- Adopted ordinance to grant street closing application to CVS, Maryland, allowing for an abandonment of a 510 square foot section of an existing easement.
- Discussed and instructed staff regarding changing the zoning of Haiti Cemetery, 205 Martin's Lane, from R-90 to R-90HD.
- Discussed and instructed staff regarding changing the zoning of Rockville Cemetery, 1350 Baltimore Road, from R-90 to R-90HD.
- Discussed and instructed staff regarding changing the zoning of the Hutton/Cary and Hattie Kingdon House, 300 Reading Avenue, from R-60 to R-60HD.

On Jan. 14, the Mayor and Council:

- Modified bid previously awarded to the RBA Group for \$44,439 for design services and construction management for phase II of the Rockville Millennium Trail.
- Modified bid previously awarded to the URS Corporation for \$389,437 for detail design services and construction management of the pedestrian / bicycle bridge across I-270.
- Modified bid for \$18,760 to Santosh Inc. for concrete improvements.
- Awarded bid to the Virginia Security and Automation for \$49,672 for water plant security improvements.
- Awarded bid to KB Corp. for \$169,926 for two dump trucks with plows.
- Awarded bid to Criswell Chevrolet for \$78,036 for four minivans.
- Approved modification of price agreements to A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. and CTI Consultants Inc. for \$33,500 for various construction services.
- Approved modification of bid to Concrete Grinding Company, Inc. for \$70,000 for additional grinding of concrete sidewalks to eliminate trip hazards.
- Introduced ordinance to grant sectional map amendment application to change the zoning of Haiti Cemetery from R-90 to R-90 Historic District zone.
- Introduced ordinance to grant sectional map amendment application to change

Mayor and Council Meetings

February 4: Worksession, 7:30
February 11: General Session, 7:30
February 19: Tuesday: Public Hearing
(Redland Technology Park), 7:30
February 25: General Session, 7:30

All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers in Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue.

General sessions and public hearings are televised live on The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11). See the cable schedule on this page for more information.

Mayor and Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time. Please call the City Clerk's Office as drop in times are subject to change, 301-309-3310.

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled to be available for Drop-In in February are:

- **February 11:** Anne Robbins
- **February 19:** Robert Dorsey
- **February 25:** John Hall Jr.



Councilmember
Robert E. Dorsey

- the zoning the Hutton/Cary and Hattie Kingdon House, 300 Reading Ave., from R-60 to R-60 Historic District Zone.
- Approved the naming of the Forest Preserve Area of the Rockville Civic Center Park in memory of former Superintendent of Park and Facilities John G. Hayes.
- Accepted application from Redland Tech Center, LLC, to amend the zoning ordinance to permit parking in I-2 zoned land in support of general office use located on abutting land zone I-3.
- Adopted a resolution authorizing the City to participate in the solicitation for electricity procurements, along with other Montgomery County government bodies, for uses not covered by existing contracts.
- Adopted a resolution declaring the official intent of the Mayor and Council to bond finance certain projects under U.S. Treasury income tax regulation (1.500-2).
- Discussed and instructed staff regarding required screening or underground installation of transformers and equipment lockers and required underground installations of utility lines.
- Discussed and instructed staff regarding a text amendment to modify the Residential Table of Uses to eliminate the provision that allows off-street parking for a church or other place of worship on a different or separate lot.

Vacancies

Boards and Commissions meet at various times. If interested in a current opening, contact the City Clerk's Office at 301-309-3310.

Animal Matters Board (one vacancy):
This three-member board mediates petitions and other matters involving animals. It provides written recommendations to the Mayor and Council and others.

Board of Appeals (one vacancy):
Members serve overlapping three-year terms. The board is charged with the responsibility of hearing and deciding all appeals and applications for variances.

Human Services Advisory Commission (one at-large and one consumer vacancy):
This body provides advice and guidance to the Mayor and Council on how to best address human service needs in Rockville. Members serve three-year terms.

Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission (one at-large vacancy):
This seven-member body is comprised of two landlords, two tenants and three people from the citizenry at large. It provides a forum for adjudicating differences or disputes between landlords and tenants.

The Human Rights Commission (one vacancy):
This 11-member body promotes human rights for residents by sponsoring the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and other events related to human rights, such as fair housing and cultural diversity. It provides free mediation services to people who have experienced a problem with a landlord, business, etc. within City limits.

The Science, Technology and Environment Commission (four vacancies):
This 12-member commission provides expert assistance in science, technology and the environment, including engineering, energy efficiency, watershed protection and more. It currently is exploring the possibility for a center to showcase local technology innovations.

Boards and Commissions February Calendar

All meetings at City Hall unless noted

- February 6 (Wednesday)**
Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- February 7 (Thursday)**
Board of Appeals, 7 p.m.
- February 12 (Tuesday)**
Human Services Advisory Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- February 12 (Tuesday)**
Science, Technology & Environment Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- February 13 (Wednesday)**
Bike Advisory Commission, 7 p.m.
- February 19 (Tuesday)**
Town Center Action Team, 7 p.m. (Red Brick Courthouse / Room 105)
- February 20 (Wednesday)**
Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
Historic District Commission, 7 p.m.
- February 21 (Thursday)**
Rockville Sister City, 7:30 p.m.
- February 25 (Monday)**
Sign Review Board, 4 p.m.
- February 27 (Wednesday)**
Human Rights Commission, 7:30 p.m.